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From: David.Galea@f16.n1040.z9.FIDONET.ORG (David Galea)  
Subject: Crop circle researcher  
Date: 18 Oct 91 05:48:00 GMT

> The claim that these two old geezers were responsible for thousands of  
> circles all over the U.K. does indeed sound implausible, doesn't it?  
> I certainly don't buy it. [Shocked silence descends on the crowd.]

I agree with you Rick,

I do not believe that these two Men created the circles in the manner that they displayed on Television here in Australia. First of all there is the number of them, their quality of manufacture and their various locations. I feel that a great proportion of these "Crop Circles" are indeed a hoax, but this cannot explain all of them.

regards,

David Galea

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From: Keith.Basterfield@f12.n1040.z9.FIDONET.ORG (Keith Basterfield)  
Subject: Welcome  
Date: 25 Oct 91 04:54:00 GMT

To: Jim Dritsas, Welcome to the system, from Adelaide, South Australia. If you have the time, how about a little summary of what's happening in your neck of the woods? For example, have you had any crop circles, abductions etc.

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From: Keith.Basterfield@f12.n1040.z9.FIDONET.ORG (Keith Basterfield)  
Subject: SHC  
Date: 25 Oct 91 04:59:00 GMT

Re spontaneous human combustion, I would recommend the following:-  
Harrison, Michael. (1990). "Fire from Heaven." Skoob books. London. 379pp. Co-incidentally, I only came across a reference to this book, yesterday.

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From: Clark.Matthews@p1.f816.n107.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Clark Matthews)  
Subject: FOX Show  
Date: 25 Oct 91 23:18:00 GMT

MS> Well, okay. But there is an NIS: Naval Investigative Service.  
MS> Doesn't prove a thing, just wondered if some names had gotten

MS> mixed up. I know there's an NIS cause they got me once--a long,  
MS> long time ago (in a galaxy far away)

Hi Michael. If you can, would you tell us how you ran afoul of NIS and what their methods were, as far as you know?

Best,  
Clark

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From: Jim.Dritsas@p0.f605.n104.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Jim Dritsas)  
Subject: Re: Hello!  
Date: 27 Oct 91 05:53:00 GMT

Hi there! Well, to answer your question, there isn't anything spectacular in the UFO world happening here in Toronto. Basically, information of this sort gets around pretty quick, and you would probably find out just as fast through books, or the text files. Anyways, if anything strange happens, I'll let ya know! However, all the real GOOD stuff is centered around the American government alleged cover-ups, and what not!

Talk to ya later!

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From: Jim.Dritsas@p0.f605.n104.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Jim Dritsas)  
Subject: Welcome  
Date: 27 Oct 91 05:59:00 GMT

Hi! Thanks for the greeting! You are calling all the way from Australlia? I thought my connect charges were alot.... Anyways, well, last I heard about the crop circle phenomenon was that they started to find alot of them out in western Canada. In places like Manitoba and Alberta, as

usual, in farmer's fields. I heard that in a story in 'A Current Affair'. Unfortunately, I haven't heard anything regarding it since, and this was about 6-8 months ago. I usually find out alot of what is going on by reading UFO related books. I have never seen ANY UFO related material at all being relayed through newspapers here, or local news channels. Except for a couple of weeks ago, the local station was showing those 2 chaps in England who have claimed responsibility for the crop circles.

See ya later... CHEERS!

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From: Clark.Matthews@p1.f816.n107.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Clark Matthews)  
Subject: Bunker Ramo  
Date: 27 Oct 91 00:11:00 GMT

In a message to Clark Matthews <25 Oct 91 21:21> Sheldon Wernikoff wrote:

SW> Like you said Clark, for safety's sake, when outdoors in inclement  
SW> weather, be sure to urinate only into  
SW> a well insulated, properly grounded  
SW> receptacle.

Ha-HAAAAAA-hahahahahaha!

Words to live by, Sheldon! Words to live by ...

BTW, I noticed your postings in another echo re: a high-speed feed.

Unfortunately I have a 9600 CompuCom v.29 at present, which will only give you 2400 MNP if you have a USR D/S. That's about 260 cps or 110% of 2400. I will be switching to a 14.4 v.32bis/v.42bis CompuCom modem within a month or two.

I do have the XRS Offline Reader running, though. With the XRS message packets squashed by PKZip or LHA, you could actually get thruputs of about 7200 for message captures and reply uploads. This would be squashed message captures over a 2400 MNP connection, OK?

If you want to try this you'll need to download the XRS Ver. 4.5 Offline Reader, which is about 330k. You may be able to find this locally, or you can get it from the East Bay Xchange BBS. I'll have to find their number but it's in North Carolina, multiline, with HST/v.32bis. The East Bay Xchange is very busy, though.

Anyway, let me know or just call & page me. I'll upgrade you online if you want to try it out.

Best,  
Clark

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Subject: Spon. Human Combustion

Date: 27 Oct 91 01:48:00 GMT

In a message to Clark Matthews <25 Oct 91 21:21> Sheldon Wernikoff wrote:

SW> Thanks for your reply and comments on the Hungarian ball lightning  
SW> case. I certainly agree with your hypothesis that "leaky"  
SW> power lines could have been the culprit in this situation, IF they  
SW> were present. I'll check that aspect out with the author in England  
SW> and get back to you.

Hi Sheldon. I'd be very interested to hear about the hi-tension angle to this case. And I'm not totally dismissive of a correlation between the occurrence of ball lightning and high-tension "leaks" into the earth, as you'll see. For that matter, the *\*type\** of soil could have a lot to do with both ball lightning and electrical leakage. More on the soil conductivity angle later.

You see, I can give you another instance of a peculiar phenomenon that could relate to this (remembered it after posting my cow-bootie reply): At the same time Prince County was being electrified (from the ground up, as it turned out), an uncle of mine recounted a very bizarre occurrence when lightning struck his house. The lightning strike should not have been a big deal, since almost all buildings and outbuildings there have multiple lightning rods. What happened was this:

In the middle of a raging thunderstorm, lightning struck a lightning rod (which grounded into the yard about 50 yards from my uncle's house). Then, A GLOWING WHITE BALL rose up from the parlor hearth (a nice old 1880s affair with an iron grate). The basketball-sized glowing ball then floated through the parlor, where my aunt was entertaining a gathering of Presbyterians from the local United Church of Canada. Then it went through a door and into the kitchen, where my uncle was sitting with several neighbors. The ball moved across the room, avoiding the legs of the seated people, and disappeared into a brand new wall socket, which was not damaged!

This novel departure from Bingo & gossip happened on Prince Edward Island in Canada -- a pretty little place in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The soil in that part of the world (PEI, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia peninsula, Maine plateau) has an extremely high iron content and usually makes an excellent ground. For

this reason the CBC international service located all their shortwave broadcasting facilities in Eastern N.B.

SW> The reason I brought this case up is that one of the main theories  
SW> advanced in the past, although without adequate proof, has been that  
SW> ball lightning somehow intruded into the room of the SHC victim.

But I have to wonder how any kind of lightning could incinerate a human being so completely. The problem I have with this is that even very high voltages and moderate currents can not do so much damage so fast. Large portions of the bodies of SHC victims are simply vaporized; there's a characteristic ring of \*grease\* around the walls of the room -- probably condensed human fat or sebaceous oils. SHC burning is \*so bad\*, it's consistent with prolonged exposure to high-tension voltage and current -- you see this type of burning in people who somehow get stuck in high-tension lines. You don't see it in people who get a one-shot dose, even a from a direct cloud-to-ground lightning strike. The bodies (the torsos, anyway) actually seem to reach flash point and \*burn\* until they are consumed, except for stray parts (feet, arms, legs, heads).

Moreover, why should this phenomenon be confined to \*indoor\* locations? I've never heard of alfresco SHCs. They always seem to be indoors, and often above ground (recently in a railroad boxcar, for instance -- a \*very well grounded\* environment).

Then there's the problem of the profile of SHC victims. Why should most of them be elderly? Mostly female? Virtually all of them heavy drinkers or alcoholics?

If we were dealing with ball lightning, transient EM or dimensional phenomena, or something else external -- shouldn't there be a much greater element of \*randomness\* in these awful events?

This may sound ridiculous, but I wonder if there might be some metabolic aberration that would cause the alcohol in a person's body to oxidize instantly, with a huge release of heat? Is it possible that certain people with alcohol problems are predisposed to burn up? Or could this phenomenon be \*triggered somehow\*? (I know this idea is straight out of Scannerz, with apologies to David Cronenberg)

SW> For further information, this case was investigated by ball-lightning  
SW> expert Dr. George Egely of the Central Institute of Physics, Budapest  
SW> and was reported at the Second Ball Lightning Conference held in  
SW> Budapest in June 1990.

OK, I'll look forward to hearing about the power-line angle.

Best,  
Clark

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Subject: TV Show...  
Date: 28 Oct 91 06:14:00 GMT

Did anyone see a show last week on FOX about UFO's ? It was excellent, it included the crop circles, a bit about Roswell, and the government cover-ups. It also had a bit with Robert Lazar, the scientist who claims to have worked at the top secret research facility in Nevada where they had 9 disks. It was a very good show, I was surprised they showed alot of it on TV, it isn't too comon these days to see a documentary-news type show on TV (at least a GOOD one). Anyways, I am pretty sure alot of you will have seen it.

So what do you all think? How about your opinions about Robert Lazar? I have read a few text files with his interview on KLAS-TV in Las Vegas with George Knapp, and I must admit, I really beleive this guy is telling the truth. He looks like a sincere, and honest (not to mention intelligent) person. I really fail to see how a person like this can be making up a pile of lies on the subject.

Jim D.

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From: Doug.Rogers@p0.f1.n606.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Doug Rogers)  
Subject: Re: Fragments of information  
Date: 26 Oct 91 02:11:26 GMT

David,

That's quite a post.

While I read it with interest, I feel compelled to say that without knowing more about the sources and HOW you came upon this information, I have a very hard time making any conclusions. At this point, I'm very skeptical of ALL of it. If you are trying to help us out, we are going to need to know more so it can be further investigated.

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Echo Moderator

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Subject: Paranet Continuum  
Date: 28 Oct 91 15:40:00 GMT

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> Continues ...

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Clark ParaNet Alpha is now 104/605, or ParaNet (9:1012/18) Mike C is mail only now, You can address mail to him through me as well. Also Clark let me know when is a good time to call you voice..

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> 1:107/816 (FidoNet) or  
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From: Peggy.Noonan@p0.f605.n104.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Peggy Noonan)  
Subject: Re: Weird Night On Halloween  
Date: 28 Oct 91 20:00:00 GMT

Hi Pete,

Great to hear from you! I'm glad you'll be able to pick up that station. Good stuff on it.

Yes, that Ogden story is frustrating...It comes originally from 1 man who saw the site and the objects and came back with 3 pictures and he let his friend see the pix and told him about the story and that friend then shared the pix and the tale with a MUFON director in TX and that MUFON person is the source of the story's spreading, I've been told. The photos Guy Kirkwood has are supposed to be photocopies of the originals (the MUFON person made laser photocopies of the originals.) So far as I know, nobody except the MUFON person's friend has actually talked to the man who was on the scene and saw the things and got the photos (he didn't take them -- didn't have his camera along) and the nearest I could get to this Mystery Man was to talk to the MUFON person's friend on the phone. Now that friend, who was to send me copies of the pix, has a

"disconnected" recording on his home phone number and has not replied to messages left for him at his work. The MUFON person is now not in MUFON I've been told, but don't know details on that so won't get into it for I could be wrong on something. And that MUFON person tells me EVERYONE else who's been talking about this story can be traced back to her, so, yes, it's all from the same source. That means, unfortunately, if you can't get to the Main Man through them, you're out of luck. Apparently I'm out of luck, then.

It does make the whole thing very suspicious, though I've been assured and reassured that these people are all extremely careful and reliable and not given to confabulation.

It would really help to be able to cross check even one single thing. So far, nil.

Now Clark Matthews has just left a message to Linda Bird and relayed it to me in which he says that he got a GIF of the pix from Jim's BBS (presumably Speiser) and that's at least something.

None of the people who promised to send me a copy has done so, so all I've seen is the drawings Linda Bird made and was kind enough to reproduce and mail to me. She's now comparing them to the photos of tunnel borers which a Colorado School of Mines tunnel expert sent (faxed) to me. I'm looking forward to her reply -- maybe it's the same kind of device.

I was going to say working on this has been as muddled and frustrating as what's been happening to you, but, no, you've had some real stuff to deal with...I sure hope you're heading out of the deep water into clear sailing...it's been a monster time for you and I truly sympathize. (Tain't worth much, I know, but it's sincere.)

--Bout to run out of message space here...take care of yourself -- and if you're going crazy, at least you'll have plenty of company (sometimes the crazy folks are a lot more fun than the "sane" ones.)

==Peggy==

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Subject: Re: Weird Night On Halloween

Date: 28 Oct 91 20:02:00 GMT

PS:

That UFO program on Friday, 10/18 --I could kick myself--fell asleep 1/2 way through just when they got to the good stuff!!! Had been up 22 hours and made the mistake of getting warm and comfortable. Next thing I knew it was 5 minutes to the end of the show. At least I caught that tail end. Oh well, maybe they'll rebroadcast it sometime. (RATS!!!)

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From: Peggy.Noonan@p0.f605.n104.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Peggy Noonan)  
Subject: Implants  
Date: 28 Oct 91 20:09:00 GMT

>Peggy, in a message on 12th Oct you mentioned a radio show  
>which included a man who talked about a personal abduction and  
>implant.  
>Do you by chance have any further details on him?  
>--- FD 1.99c  
> \* Origin: UFO Research Australia, Research Officer,  
>Adelaide-Aust (9:1040/12)

Hello Keith,

I have not yet had time to listen to my audiotape of the  
entire program so I don't know all the details yet, but I can tell  
you this much:

name: Richard Price

He says he was implanted by aliens and that the implant or  
probe has been removed and is in the hands of scientists at MIT and  
they're baffled about what it is. "They don't what type of device  
it is...they only thing they've come up with is a chemical  
analysis. I just got the report...We're not sure if it's a device  
of some kind -- it's a chemical of some kind. The scientist does  
not know what it is. He didn't exactly come out and say that it is  
a material that isn't made here on this earth."

He had it in his body for 35 years and knew it was there.  
When asked why he waited so long to find out about it, he said  
"that's when it decided to come out" and it came out about 2 years  
ago. He was implanted at age 8.

---That's from the opening of the interview.

I will get more to you when I can. Does this help? Perhaps  
you know this person or his story? He says he's told the story a  
number of times.

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Subject: Video cameras and UFOs  
Date: 29 Oct 91 04:15:04 GMT

From: al463@cleveland.Freenet.Edu (Christopher A. Joseph)

The Nov. 91 issue of VIDEOMAKER magazine has an interesting article on how to film UFOs with your video camera. It was written by a man named Allan Lundell, who treats the subject with the seriousness it deserves. Lundell even goes as far a warning would-be UFO chasers that they may be abducted; hardly something you'd expect to see in a mainstream publication. Well worth the \$2.50 cover price.

For those of you who can't find the magazine:

Videomaker  
P.O. box 558  
Mt. Morris, IL.  
61054

Customer service: (815) 734-4151

Is it just me, or does anyone else notice the increase in PRO-UFO material in the past year?

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Waiting impatiently for nanotechnology...

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From: Jim.Speiser@f100.n1010.z9.FIDONET.ORG (Jim Speiser)  
Subject: Spon. Human Combustion  
Date: 24 Oct 91 18:26:00 GMT

> PS -- Weird as all this is, genuine SHC is much, much weirder. The Mary  
> Reeser case is so bizarre as to be beyond belief. She was INCINERATED  
> in a chair, and so was a perfect circle of the floor that the chair was  
> on. Coroner estimated temps of 3000 degrees plus. Almost NO OTHER  
> DAMAGE to the room or the house, and there was NO FIRE.  
  
> I have a couple of text files on this: SHC1.ZIP and SHC2.ZIP, from  
> KeelyNet

Hi, Clarke...you really ought to read Nickell's treatment of the case. I'm not saying its conclusive, mind you, but there are points that need to be considered.

Jim

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From: Jim.Speiser@f100.n1010.z9.FIDONET.ORG (Jim Speiser)  
Subject: Planes in Formation  
Date: 26 Oct 91 21:40:00 GMT

Last night we were having a Halloween party in our backyard, when my wife sighted a series of bright red lights to the south of us, travelling east over downtown Scottsdale. Both of us immediately recognized them as planes in formation, with bright red, almost incandescent-looking lights. A couple who arrived shortly thereafter told us they had seen the same thing on the way over, only with bright white lights.

Today I learned that the same thing had been reported over Phoenix a couple of days earlier. It turned out to be a group of pilots practicing formation flying for an airshow at Falcon Field this weekend. As the air show is taking place right now, I will have to wait till next week to follow up on the story. I'm going to try to find out how many UFO reports were generated, who the pilots were, why they were flying at night with such unconventional lighting, etc. Will get back to ya.

An interesting sidelight: My wife saw seen a high-strangeness UFO of the nocturnal lights variety a few years ago. When we saw these planes last night, I immediately asked her if that was close to what she saw. "Oh, gosh, no. Not even close," she said. I guess you can fool some of the people some of the time, but ya can't fool Mary Speiser.....:->

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From: Jim.Speiser@f100.n1010.z9.FIDONET.ORG (Jim Speiser)  
Subject: Heard on the Street

Date: 26 Oct 91 21:49:00 GMT

Its semi-official: Phil Klass is writing a new book on the Roswell Incident. Got this from Mark Rodeghier of CUFOS. Hey, Phil, be sure and include your interviews with Sheridan Cavitt, you know, the guy who originally claimed he wasn't even there, and then said that nothing happened at Roswell. Its S000 convincing, that the whole case is sure to just dry up and blow away as soon as you publish.... <evil grin>

Also from CUFOS: The reason for the dearth of timely information on Belgium has just become clear. SOBEPS, the Belgian UFO Society, was writing a book. The book has just come out, and the good news is it is chock full of OUTSTANDING photographs and video stills of the famous triangle - not just lights in the sky, but ANOMALOUS TRIANGULAR OBJECTS in broad daylight. The bad news is, its all in French. CUFOS is looking for a few good translators, and I volunteered to put the word out on ParaNet. I know I've seen German and Spanish spoken here, and I think French as well. They would like to send out several chapters rather than the whole book, as its 500 pages, and that's a bit much. Any volunteers?

Jim

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Subject: Re: Paranet 9600 Bps  
Date: 28 Oct 91 04:33:00 GMT

Hi Michael,

You certainly did use considerable restraint in describing Aileen Edwards' "publication." I have seen articles in The Missing Link (which she sent to me for about a year, at no request from me!) that I know were lifted from UFO Clipping Service (because I get that). The contactee and channelled garbage made me sick. All I got to say for those folks is: their straw doesn't go all the way to the bottom of their cups!

Avoid those people,

Linda

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Must be a new edition. I read that at least 5 years ago.

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Subject: Crop Circle Skepticism - Cross-post  
Date: 29 Oct 91 20:32:46 GMT

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I think that the mere existence of a patent is not reason to believe that an idea is true. This is certainly the case with the numerous U.S. patents for perpetual motion machines. In any event, I have never heard of any evidence that electricity can affect gravity. I think that if nothing more was heard of Mr. Brown's research it is because he was being ignored, not suppressed. Stories of suppressed 'miracle' inventions are the stuff of urban legends.

In a lighter vein, there was a one day conference last weekend here in Austin, sponsored by MUFON (Mutual UFO Network). This is a group that is based in Seguin, TX, which is also the home of Forrest Mims, the creationist who wanted to write the 'Amateur Scientist' column for Scientific American. Anyway, MUFON's topic du jour was 'What are the Crop Circles Trying to Tell Us?'.

The event was reported unskeptically in the local paper as a major mystery. There was only passing mention of the English fellows who recently admitted to making the crop circles. This coverage was rather surprising, since the same paper had several lengthy articles about them just a few weeks ago. Anyway, the MUFON people do not believe this story. So they fleeced people for \$16 a head to hear their 'experts' discuss their theories about the origin and meaning of the crop circles. I could have told everyone that their meaning is clear--they are telling us not to be gullible...

Also, does anyone know if there is a mailing list for urban legends?

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